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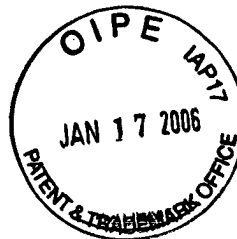
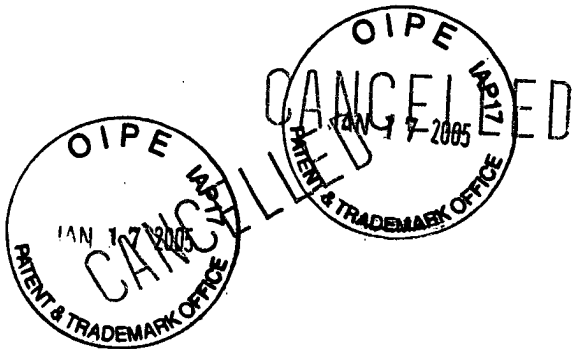
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 21, 2005, the amendment mailed December 9, 2005 (**ED 848208267 US**) has been corrected to include the addition of the text for withdrawn claims 42-46.

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

SPECIFICATIONS: amendments to the specifications begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

CLAIMS: Amendment to the claims begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

REMARKS: Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.